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whatever, whatever it takes to manage water that's under their jurisdiction, then they can acquire these water rights, and they may have to use money to do that. So this, basically, refers to the Natural Resources Commission and their ability to obtain the certain water rights or buy water rights from people so they can put in dams and projects and, you know, Lake Wanahoo may be an example of a case where this might be needed. So that's...this is existing language and that's why that is in there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So no private individual is referred to in this language?

SENATOR SCHROCK: No, and in most of these cases these projects have federal matching dollars.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I didn't know what the project was, Senator Schrock, because there was not enough language preceding it for me to be aware. So I appreciate what you gave and it is clear now, but it raises one more question in that area that I would ask you now. Once these interests are acquired, will they forever belong to that entity which acquired them?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, they would as near as I can tell.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, that's all I will ask you on this. I really appreciate that. Thank you, Senator Schrock. Members of the Legislature, there are other questions of that kind which I will ask as we go along. And after we go through maybe a dozen more pages, the amendments that I'm going to offer will be exhausted. There are similar types of amendments that I could offer throughout the bill but a point is reached where I have to give my time to other things. Even on this bill, I do want to understand it, but I have a problem. Senator Combs would not understand this because she is too young. Her mind is too clear. She can focus too well. When I'm looking up a word in a dictionary, I have to write down the word because almost every word...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that I come across is of such interest to